

Docket No.: 57810-074



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Isao Hasegawa, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7087
Application No.: 10/659,346 : Group Art Unit: 2812
Filed: September 11, 2003 : Examiner: W. Vesperman
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 27, 2005, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b) requiring election of one of the following species:

Species I. A method to which suggested claims 1 through 4, 12 and 18 through 21 are directed;

Species II. A method encompassed by suggested claims 1 and 5 through 11 are directed;

Species III. The method encompassed by suggested claims 1, 13 and 14 are directed; or

Species IV. A method encompassed by suggested claims 1 and 15 through 17 are directed.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute Species I. Applicants further list claims 1 through 4, 12 and 18 through 21 as readable on the elected species as suggested by the Examiner. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 4, 12 and 18 through 21 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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